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As a concise explanation of the relevance of these presently submitted Japanese-language references, an English translation of the Japanese Patent Office communication in its entirety is submitted herewith. The JPO communication was in Japanese Pat. App. No. 2003-032473, the foreign patent application on the basis of

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